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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$3,900,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO^{TE}RS, \$7,500,000

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS:

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HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS, DISCOUNTED.

Gratis granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Gratis granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 25, 1888. 363

N O T I C E .

R U L E S O F T H E H O N G K O N G S A V I N G S' B A N K.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Guns less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time, will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books; but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank, if marked *On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business*, is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 1, 1888. 754

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

WE have closed the Foochow Branch of our Firm on the 31st ultimo, and transferred our business at that port to Mr. GUSTAV SIEMSEN.

SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, January 23, 1888.

I HAVE this day established myself at this port as MERCHANT and COMMISION AGENT under the name and style of G. SIEMSEN.

Foochow, January 1, 1888. 149

NOTICE.

M. R. GROTE has this day been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm: CHATER & VERNON.

Hongkong, January 1, 1888.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Used-up Clothing, Books, or Papers will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 26, 1888.

Intimations.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.
RACE MEETING 1888.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,
the 22nd, 23rd and 24th February.

Rule 15.—ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE for MEMBERS of JOCKEY CLUB, Free; for Non-Members, 50 for the Meeting. For Admission to the NEW STAND, 35 for the Meeting.

Rule 16.—TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE to be had on application to the E. W. RUTTER, Esq., Hon. Treasurer, or, at the Gate on Race Days. No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Gate-keeper.

H. J. TRIPP,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, February 14, 1888. 237

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.
'OFF DAY.'

HACK RACE—Cup presented by the Club for *Boia* side Hacks to be ridden by Resident of Hongkong only. Entrance, 50, to go to Second Pony. Weights, 1st: 7lbs, Once Round.

Entries to be sent in to the undersigned not later than FRIDAY, the 24th Instant.

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, February 20, 1888. 273

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE BALL 27TH FEBRUARY, 1888.

MEMBERS wishing to SUBSCRIBE will find Lists of the Clubs, Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., KELLY & WALSH, and HONGKONG DISPENSARY. Subscribing Members will not require invitations.

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, February 20, 1888. 274

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

HE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the PRESENCE OF THE LADIES at the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE during the Races on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th Instant.

By Order, H. J. H. TRIPP,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, February 20, 1888. 275

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HOTEL IS CENTRALLY SITUATED AND WITHIN A FEW MINUTES' WALK FROM THE PRINCIPAL LANDINGS PLACES.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.
CHARGES MODERATE.

TIPPING at 1 o'clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.
TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

WINE, SPIRITS AND MAINT LIQUORS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, April 1, 1887. 607

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD and SMOKING ROOMS.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Msrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

HONGKONG RACE DAYS.

THE Undersigned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at Noon on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, the 22nd, 23rd and 24th Instant.

For the Chartered Merchantile Bank of India, London and China, JOHN THURBURN, Manager, Hongkong.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris, J. ARRANGER, Acting Agent.

For the New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited, E. W. RUTTER, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 16, 1888. 248

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be Held in the OFFICES of the Company, No. 14, Praya, Central, on MONDAY, the 27th February instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1887, and considering the expediency of increasing the number of the Directors of the Company to Nine.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 27th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

DAVID GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 9, 1888. 217

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

DE JONG'S PURE SOLUBLE COCOA,
THE 'ACME' OF ALL PURE COCOAS,
MAKES THE MOST DELICIOUS.

HOT OR COLD AND ICED COCOA AND CHOCOLATE.

DR. HEHNER, the well-known Public Analyst, reports:—A SAMPLE of De JONG's Pure Soluble Cocoa having been submitted to me, I have much pleasure in stating that it is to be of ABSOLUTE PURITY and of the HIGHEST EXCELLENCE.

It surpasses in delicacy of AROMA and richness of taste the best kinds of similar Cocoas, which have hitherto been offered to the public.

This Cocoa, taken in cold water and without Sugar, is an unfailing remedy for Diarrhoea.

DE JONG'S COCOA is not only the most nutritious article of food, but is easily assimilated by even so delicate a digestion, and therefore, a great benefit to invalids.

DE JONG'S COCOA may be obtained from

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Agents for Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 22, 1888. 232

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE First Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 8th day of March, next, at Noon, to receive the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1887.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd Instant to the 10th March, both days inclusive.

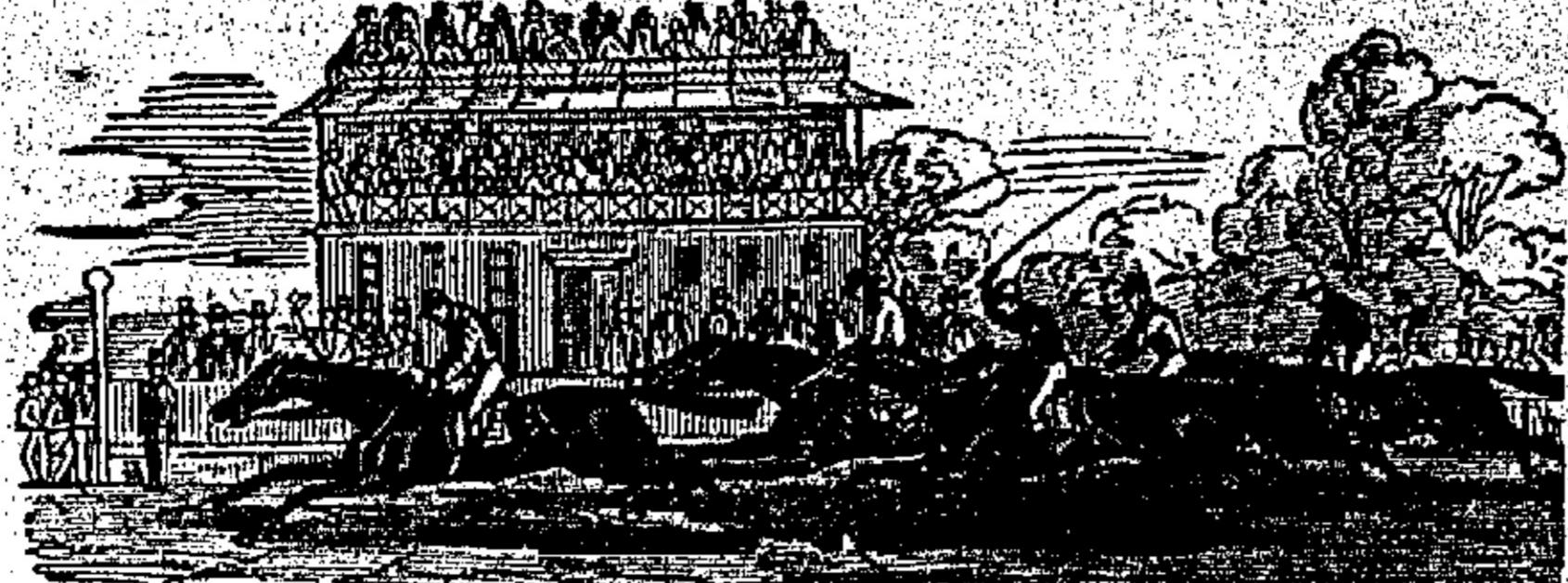
By Order of the Board,

ISAAC HUGHES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 18, 1888. 234

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.



HAVE NOW RECEIVED THEIR NEW STOCK OF
FELT HATS AND RACE SCARVES.

SADDLERY

AND

RACING SUNDRIES, of all kinds.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, February 14, 1888. 231

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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H. J. H. TRIPP,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, February 20, 1888. 237

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB

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CANADIAN PACIFIC LINE.
TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, CANADA, THE
UNITED STATES, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
AND OTHER CONNECTING
RAILWAY LINES & STEAMERS.

THE British Steamship *BATAVIA*,
1,253 Tons Register, Captain Christian, Com-
mander, will be despatched for VAN-
COUVER, B.C., and KOBE and YOKO-
HAMA, on SATURDAY, the 26th
February, at 3 p.m.

To be followed by S.S. *PARTHIA*,
on the 15th March.

Connection will be made at Yokohama
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan
Ports, and at Vancouver with Pacific Coast
points, the regular Steamers of the PACIFIC
COAST SHIP COMPANY and other
Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-
land, France, and Germany by all trans-
Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows—

To Vancouver Mexican \$160.00

To Victoria and San Francisco 175.00

To all common points in Can. 200.00

and the United States 300.00

To Liverpool 305.00

To other European points at proportionate rates. Special reduced rates granted to Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and the Imperial Chinese and Japanese Customs, to be obtained on application.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to Mr. D. E. BROWN, District Freight Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the 27th February.

All Parcels must be sent to our Office and should be marked to address in full; and the same will be received by us until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

For information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 9, 1888. 141



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MALTA, MARSÈLLES, GIBRALTAR,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE,
PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON;
ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN
GULF PORTS, MARSÈLLES,
TRISTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK
AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship *RENGAL*, Captain W. B. Andrews, with
Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched
from this LONDON, via BOMBAY
and SUEZ CANAL, on THURSDAY, the
1st March, at Daylight.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office
until 2 p.m. on the day previous to sailing.

Tax, Sills, and Valuables for Europe
will be transhipped at Colombo; General
Cargo for London will be conveyed
via Bombay without transhipment, arriving
one week later than by the ordinary direct
route via Colombo.

For further Particulars regarding
FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the
PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are
required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to
note the terms and conditions of the
Company's Black Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage
can do so on application at the Company's Office.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, February 18, 1888. 261

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH to NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, and TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, and SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *CITY OF
LIO DE JANEIRO* will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama, on
SATURDAY, the 3rd March, at 3 p.m.,
taking Passengers and Freight for Japan,
the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America, by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

First-class Fares granted as follows—

To San Francisco \$200.00

To San Francisco and return 350.00

available for 6 months 350.00

To Liverpool 333.00

To London 338.00

To other European points at proportionate
rates. Special reduced rates granted to
Officers of the Army, Navy, Civil Service,
and the Imperial Chinese Customs, to be
obtained on application.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-
embarking at San Francisco for China or
Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be
allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance
does not apply to through fares from China
and Japan to Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4
p.m. on the day previous to sailing. Parcels
will be received at the office until
5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to points beyond San Francisco,
in the United States, should be sent to the
Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes
addressed to the Collector of Customs at San
Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 601, Queen's Road Central,
C. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 11, 1888. 223

Mails.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID,
TRISTE, BRINDISI, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN, HAMBURG,
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK
SEA & BALTIc PORTS;

London, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for the principal places in
RUSSIA.

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THE COMPANY'S

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.
Shipping.
Daylight—Ganges leaves for Shanghai.
Noon—Sin Nanzing leaves for Shanghai.
Miscellaneous.
Noon—Local Banks close.
Hongkong Races.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

Christmas Confectionery
JUST RECEIVED

**CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS,
CHOCOLATE CREAMS,
BURNED ALMONDS, AND
SUNDY SWEETS.**

Also,

ROSE WATER & OTHER CRACKERS
in great variety.

**NEW SEASON'S
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CARDS**
including some

**CHROMOS OF SWISS AND HOME
SCENERY.**

Suitable for framing.

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A L B U M S.**

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, December 12, 1887. 2410

BIRTH.

At the Peak, Hongkong, on the 22nd February, the Wife of Douglas Jones, of Daughter.

* * * The publication of this issue commences at 8.10 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1888.

TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

(Via Southern Line.)

BULGARIA.

LONDON, 21st February, 1888.

With a view to arrive at a settlement of the Bulgarian question, Russia states that she desires that all the Great Powers will declare that Prince Ferdinand's assumption of power is contrary to the treaty of Berlin.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

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OUTWARD BOUND.—Austin Friars, January 3; Devonport, 29; Anchises, Bawdrip, 31; Electra, Pathan, Tlemaine, Feb. 3; Natal, Port Phillip, 7; Stentor, Strathleven, Uppington, 14.

HOMEWARD BOUND.—Abury, Jan. 3; Bengal, Glenly, Feb. 3; Devonshire, 7; Otrac, Lydia, Prometheus, 10; Monmouthshire, 14.

The Norddeutsche Lloyd's S. S. Co.'s steamship *Sachsen*, with the next outward German Mail, dated Berlin, Jan. 24th, left Singapore on the 20th inst., at 9 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Friday, the 24th inst.

The P. M. Co.'s S. S. *Rio de Janeiro*, with the next American Mail, was to leave Yokohama on Tuesday, the 21st inst., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 27th inst.

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The Shire Line steamship *Breconshire* left Singapore on the 18th Feb., and may be expected here on or about the 25th Feb.

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The Scottish Oriental Company's new str. *Dervorguie*, is to leave Singapore on the 24th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 2nd March.

We observe that Lady des Vaux and her two children are booked as passengers by the next English Mail.

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YESTERDAY afternoon a sampan which was lying near the Canton wharf got capsized by a wave striking the bows of the craft. All the occupants were rescued except a child whose body was afterwards recovered.

INSPECTOR Thomson, of the Hongkong Police, who was one of the oldest officers in the Force, and was well-known as a 'crack' shot, has accepted the appointment of Governor of the Grandtully Poorhouse, Perthshire. Mr Thomson went home on leave about a year ago.

TWELVE Chinese seamen belonging to the British steamer *Soochow* were brought before Mr Wedderburn, in the Police Court to-day, charged at the instance of Capt. Harris with refusal of duty. His Worship remitted the case to the Harbour Master, before whom it will come to-morrow.

A PRIVATE in the 68th Regiment, named Edward Smith, was charged in the Police Court to-day, before Mr Wedderburn, with assaulting an Indian constable yesterday while in the execution of his duty. Complainant stated that he saw defendant beating a ricksha coolie on Praya East and on interfering was struck on the eye by defendant's bat. Inspector Swanton, who saw the assault on the constable, also gave evidence. Defendant was fined \$2, with the alternative of 14 days' imprisonment.

SHIPBUILDING contracts are still being briskly given out on the Clyde. Amongst recent orders Messrs. Napier, Shanks, and Bell, of Yoker, have secured one for a large paddle steamer, which is intended for trade in Japanese waters. Practically every firm on the Clyde has now got some new shipbuilding work in hand.

The following telegrams, from Australian papers, explain how the Anglo-Australian mail service difficulty was finally settled:

Lo do, Jan. 6.—Sir Henry Holland, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, has intimated to the agents-general that, when the New South Wales Government withdraws its opposition to the non-inclusion of parcels in the mail contract with the Orient and P. & O. Companies, the contract will be signed by the Imperial Government.

London, Jan. 7.—A telegram has been received by Sir Saul Samuel, the agent-general for New South Wales, from Sir Horace Parkes, in which he abandons his opposition to the non-inclusion of parcels in the mail contract. He refuses, however, to exempt the steamers of the 'Orient' and P. & O. Companies from the payment of the light dues.

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A RIM of shipbuilders are being sued by the Admiralty for bad workmanship in a vessel fitted out in their yard. The sum claimed as damages is £3,000.

The *Lock Age*, which arrived at Liverpool on the 15th Jan., from Singapore, the day after that on Dec. 20, in 30 m. 34 w., experienced a N.W. hurricane, shipped heavy seas, which carried away rails, bulkheads, galleries, ventilators, &c.

The London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* writes:—I hear that Lord Dufferin and the Secretary of State for India are, by no means in that state of ignorance which is generally believed to prevail in India, respecting what is going on in Tibet, and especially of the water currents at Lhasa, the capital. They are understood to be adequately informed of all that goes on, and especially of the doings of the Chinese Resident. It should be borne in mind that Indian native officials have already successfully penetrated into various parts of Tibet in disguise, and it is at least possible that some of those are now in the country. However this may be, the Government obtain ample information on the subject, and according to intelligence I have received Lord Dufferin's proceedings in regard to Sikkim and Tibet may be awaited with perfect confidence.

SIXTY-THREE vessels passed through the Suez Canal in November last, with the aid of the electric light. The P. & O. Company's steamer *Mussilia* made the quickest passage of all—namely 16 hours 24 minutes, of which 10 hours were in the night. Since then, however, on December 12, the Russian mercantileman *Moskva* made a very quick passage in 14 hours, chiefly by night. The Bitton Lakes were held up at the rate of 15 miles an hour, the speed in the rest of the Canal being limited for all vessels to six miles an hour. Mr R. H. Brunton writes that on June 5, 1872, we, on board the *Mussilia*'s Maritim steamship *Meikong*, Captain Fosche, left Suez at 5 a.m., stopped and landed passengers at Ismailia, passed the steamship *Redgauntlet* and P. & O. steamship *Indus* in the Canal, and arrived at Port Said at 7 p.m. My diary records the fact also that during the day the thermometer registered 105 deg. Fahrenheit in the cabin. This is the fastest record made.

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1. All correspondence posted before 5 p.m. on any week day for addresses in Victoria will be delivered the same day, and generally within two hours, unless the delivery should be retarded by the Contract Mail.

2. Invitations, &c., can generally be delivered within Victoria at the private houses of the addressees rather than at places of business, if a wish to effect delivery by the sender, otherwise all correspondence is invariably delivered at the nearest place of business.

3. Boxholders who desire to send Circulars, Dividends, Warrants, Invitations, Cards, &c., all of the same weight, to addresses in Hongkong, or the Ports of China, may deliver them to the Post Office unsealed, the postage being then charged to the sender's account. Each batch must consist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns to the same place in the same way. Envelopes containing Patterns may be wholly closed, if the nature of the contents is first closed, or stated to the Postmaster General, as he may consider necessary, and approved by him. Printed Circulars may be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

The Post Office declines all responsibility for Unregistered Letters containing Bank Notes, Coin, or Jewellery and, where Registration has been neglected, WILL MAKE NO ENQUIRIES into alleged losses of such letters.

Parcel Post to the United Kingdom.

Parcels not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight are received in Hongkong and at British Post Offices in China for transmission to the United Kingdom, on the day before the departure of the Mail. Those arriving from the Coast, &c., after this hour are kept for the following P. & O. Mail.

The Postage is 25 cents per lb., which includes Registration fee, and must be prepaid in stamp. No further charge is made in the United Kingdom except for Customs dues. No parcel must be more than 3 feet 6 inches in length, or 6 feet in greatest length and girth combined. A receipt is given for each Parcel.

The sender must fill up a form of Customs Declaration which can be obtained free at each Post Office. No parcel can be accepted till this is completely and accurately filled. The only articles ordinarily sent by the Post Office are liable to duty from China are Tea, Tobacco, and Gold and Silver plate.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles likely to injure the Mails, Liquids (unless securely packed) or parcels easily smashed, such as hand-boxes, are prohibited. No Parcel can be received if its value exceeds \$250. A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself, or another Parcel to the same address. No other enclosures are allowed.

With regard to inward Parcels, addressees are requested to observe that the Parcel Mail is not opened until the ordinary distribution of letters, &c., is finished. The postage on Parcels at home is 10d. per lb., the Regulations are generally similar to the above, and the Parcels are sent out via Gibraltar.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of 10d. in certain cases, provided—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was actually enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Post Office administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, or by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to